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**Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases;
Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 6, Hydrogen Sulfide Operations**

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I. Introduction

A. Authority

This Order is established pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior through various Federal and Indian mineral leasing statutes and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982. This authority has been delegated to the Bureau of Land Management and is implemented by the onshore oil and gas operating regulations contained in 43 CFR part 3160. More specifically, this Order implements and supplements the provisions of § 3162.1 General Requirements; § 3162.5-1(a)(c)(d) Environmental Obligations; § 3162.5-2(a) Control of Wells; and § 3162.5-3 Safety Precautions.

43 CFR 3164.1 specifically authorizes the Director, Bureau of Land Management, to issue Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, when necessary, to implement or supplements the operating regulations and provides that all such Orders shall be binding on the operator(s) of all Federal and Indian (except Osage Tribe) oil and gas leases which have been, or may hereafter be, issued. The authorized officer has the authority pursuant to 43 CFR 3161.2 to implement the provisions of this Order, require additional information, and approve any plans, applications, or variances required or allowed by the Order.

The authorized officer may, pursuant to 43 CFR 3164.1 and 3164.2, after notice and comment, issue onshore oil and gas orders when necessary to implement and supplement the regulations contained in 43 CFR 3160, and issue notices to lessees and operators (NTL's) when necessary to implement onshore oil and gas orders and the regulations. Pursuant to Section IV of this Order, the authorized officer may approve a variance from the requirements prescribed herein to accommodate special conditions on a State or areawide basis.

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B. Purpose

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety and those personnel essential to maintaining control of the well. This Order identifies the Bureau of Land Management's uniform national requirements and minimum standards of performance expected from operators when conducting operations involving oil or gas that is known or could reasonably be expected to contain hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) or which results in the emission of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) as a result of flaring H₂S. This Order also identifies the gravity of violations, probable corrective action(s), and normal abatement periods.

